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Corps restricts campfires, flames at Lucky Peak due to fire hazard

Boise, Idaho - Visitors planning to head for summer recreation opportunities at nearby Lucky Peak Dam and Lake should be aware of current dangerous fire conditions and temporary restrictions being applied to reduce the risk of wild fires, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation and natural resources officials.

"This is a great time of the year to use Lucky Peak Lake, the weather is hot and the lake is full. All the boat ramps and the marina are in great shape and all of the lakeshore picnic shelters are available. All of the recreation and safety staffs involved in operating the recreation facilities are concerned about the extremely dry conditions and the high fire danger for wildfires that comes with those conditions," said Joyce Dunning, the Corps' senior park ranger at Lucky Peak.

Effective immediately and indefinitely, no campfires or open flames are allowed anywhere on Lucky Peak at anytime, until these hazardous conditions change. Signs have been posted at all of the recreation sites and boat launching ramps notifying visitors about the campfire prohibition. Portable self-contained barbecue grills fueled with propane canisters will be allowed if placed on top of the picnic tables for use. Self-contained units that use briquettes are not allowed.

"We want to remind our visitors to also be careful with other materials which can become fire ignition sources, such as smoking materials and vehicle exhaust systems," said Dunning.

Call the ranger office at (208) 343-0671 for more information about recreation opportunities or fire conditions at Lucky Peak.

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